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1. Following is a report of traffic on the Transcaspien Railway through Dushak,
Turkmen SSR, of road traffic to and from Dushak, and of Soviet military activity
in the Dushak area for the period 10-16 December 1951.

2. The omission of certain whole days or half days because of inclement weather.

The omissions can, therefore, be taken as an indication of the number of days
of poor visibility in the area.

Date	Traffic	Direction	Time	Rail: No. of Cars	Road: Type Vehicle
10/12/51	Rail	westbound	0730	1 train, 17 cars	
		eastbound	0830	1 train, 35 red box cars	
		westbound	1000	1 train, 2 green tank cars, 48 red tank cars	
		eastbound	1015	1 train, 5 green passenger cars	
		westbound	1115	1 green locomotive	
		eastbound	1330	1 train, 1 white passenger car, 9 green passenger cars.	
	Road	westbound	1400	33 gondola and flat cars	
		eastbound	1530	32 flat and gondola cars	
		westbound	1600	1 train, 20 green tank cars	
		Dushak to Shurjeh	0700	jeep	
		Serakhs to Dushak	0730	truck	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	0815	truck	
Dushak to Kaakhka	0930	truck			
Dushak to Kaakhka	1000	truck			

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Date	Traffic	Direction	Time	Rail: Road:	No. of Cars Type Vehicle
10/12/51	Road	Serakhs to Dushak	1115	jeep	
		Dushak to Post-i-Khojeh	1200	truck	
		Bulan to Dushak	1230	yellow truck	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	1300	truck	
		Dushak to Serakhs	1315	truck	
		Dushak to Serakhs	1430	covered truck	
		North to Dushak	1430	truck	
		Dushak to Kaakhka	1515	truck	
	Military activity	At 0830 hours, five groups of soldiers were observed about 3 kilometers east of Dushak. At the same time about 100 soldiers were observed north of Dushak. At 1000 hours the sound of artillery and machine gun firing was heard coming from north of Dushak. The troops returned to Dushak at 1400 hours.			
11/12/51	Rail	eastbound	0630	1 train, 14 green passenger cars	
		westbound	0745	1 locomotive, 2 cars	
		eastbound	0900	1 train, 42 red tank cars	
		westbound	0930	1 train, 7 flat cars, 15 tank cars, 10 small box cars, 28 large red box cars	
		eastbound	1100	1 train, 32 red box cars	
		westbound	1145	1 train, 16 white passenger cars	
		eastbound	1400	58 box cars and flat cars	
		westbound	1430	1 train, 40 red box cars	
		eastbound	1615	1 train, 70 large and small red box cars	
	Road	Dushak to Tedzhend	0800	truck	
		Dushak to Serakhs	0815	truck	
		Dushak to Kaakhka	0930	2 trucks	
		North to Dushak	0930	truck	
		Dushak to Bulan	1100	jeep	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	1130	jeep	
		Serakhs to Dushak	1300	truck	
		Dushak to Aqchekh Qaleh	1415	truck	
		North to Dushak	1430	truck	
		Bulan to Dushak	1500	truck	
		Dushak to Kaakhka	1515	truck	
		Aqchekh Qaleh to Dushak	1515	truck	
	Military activity	Two troops of soldiers, accompanied by mules packing field guns, moved to a point about 4 kilometers north of Dushak, where they fired about 100 rounds of artillery. Two troops of soldiers were observed engaged in military exercises at Malek Azhdar.			
12/12/51	Rail	eastbound	0730	1 train, 30 flat cars	
		eastbound	0930	1 train, 35 red box cars	
		westbound	1030	1 train, 46 red tank cars	
		eastbound	1130	1 train, 2 locomotives, 34 red tank cars	
		westbound	1330	1 train, 29 flat and gondola cars	
		eastbound	1400	1 train, 80 cars, mostly box cars and several flat cars	

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Date	Traffic	Direction	Time	Rails Roads	No. of Cars Type Vehicle
12/12/51	Rail	westbound	1515	1 train,	26 gondola and flat cars
		eastbound	1600	1 train,	22 red and white cars
	Road	Dushak to Aqcheh Qaleh	0645	truck	
		Dushak to Serakhs	0730	auto	
		Serakhs to Dushak	0830	truck	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	0830	truck	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	0900	truck	
		North to Dushak	0915	truck	
		Serakhs to Dushak	0930	covered truck	
		Dushak to Kaakhka	1100	auto	
		Dushak to Kaakhka	1130	truck	
		Dushak to north	1315	truck	
		Dushak to Kaakhka	1400	large yellow truck	
		Dushak to flour mill	1430	jeep	
		Flour mill to Dushak	1500	jeep	
		Post-i-Kohjeh to Dushak	1520	truck	
	Military activity	Three groups of soldiers were observed about 0900 hours engaged in military exercises in the open land lying between Dushak and the frontier. Another group, composed of about 80 men, were observed drilling at the edge of the town of Dushak.			
13/12/51	Rail	eastbound	0615	1 train,	47 red box cars
		Kaakhka to Dushak	0915	1 train,	coal-burning locomotive, 12 cars
		Dushak to Kaakhka	0920	1 train,	coal-burning locomotive, 3 passenger cars
		eastbound	0930	1 train,	54 large and small box cars, 10 red tank cars
		eastbound	1100	1 train,	22 red and black tank cars
		westbound	1115	1 train,	14 passenger cars
		eastbound	1215	1 train,	26 flat cars
		westbound	1400	1 train,	23 gondolas, 2 white cars
		eastbound	1530	1 train,	11 passenger cars
		westbound	1615	1 train,	1 white locomotive, 48 red and green tankers
	Road	Dushak to Tedzhend	0800	truck	
		Dushak to Serakhs	0830	truck	
		Dushak to north	0845	truck	
		Serakhs to Dushak	1000	truck	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	1030	truck	
		Dushak to Serakhs	1100	truck with several passengers	
		Dushak to Kaakhka	1115	truck	
		Dushak to Bulan	1330	truck	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	1415	truck	
		Dushak to Kaakhka	1445	jeep	
		Serakhs to Dushak	1530	truck	
	Military activity	Two groups of soldiers were observed near the Serakhs road engaged in military exercises. Two groups of mounted soldiers were engaged in military exercises about one kilometer from Dushak. The mounted soldiers returned to Dushak at approximately 1130 hours. At 0800 about 100			

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Date	Traffic	Direction	Time	Rail: Road:	No. of Cars Type Vehicle
13/12/51	Military activity	soldiers on foot moved to a point about 3 kilometers north of Dushak, where they engaged in artillery and machine gun firing practice. This group of soldiers returned to Dushak at 1330 hours.			
14/12/51	Rail	westbound	0830	1 train, 26 gondola and flat cars	25X1
		eastbound	0945	1 train, 46 red box cars	
		eastbound	1100	1 train, 2 locomotives, 35 red tank cars	
		westbound	1115	1 train, 15 green passenger cars	
		westbound	1300	1 train, 56 red tank cars	
		eastbound	1500	1 train, 40 cars including several loaded flat cars, a few tank cars, and the remainder box cars	
		westbound	1500	1 locomotive	
		Tedzhend to Dushak	1545	1 train, 30 box cars	
	Road	Dushak to Post-i-Khojeh	0800	truck	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	0815	truck	
		Dushak to Serakhs	0900	truck	
		Dushak to Kaakhka	1030	truck	
		Serakhs to Dushak	1100	truck	
		Flour mill to Dushak	1145	truck	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	1145	truck	
		Dushak to Serakhs	1215	truck	
		North to Dushak	1330	truck	
		Dushak to Kaakhka	1415	auto	
		Dushak to Post-i-Shurjeh	1430	truck	
		Post-i-Shurjeh to Bulan	1530	truck	
		Dushak to Kaakhka	1530	truck	
	Military activity	Five groups of soldiers engaged in military exercises at 0900 hours in the open land lying between the frontier and Dushak. A group of soldiers, numbering about 60, accompanied by ten loaded mules moved north out of Dushak. At about 1100 hours 200 artillery shots were heard coming from north of Dushak. The troops which were engaged in military exercises in the land lying between Dushak and the frontier returned to Dushak at 1300 hours. The group of about 60 men which had gone to the north of Dushak returned at 1430 hours.			
15/12/51	Rail	eastbound	0700	1 train, 2 locomotives, 30 red tank cars	
		westbound	0730	1 locomotive, 2 green cars	
		eastbound	0930	1 train, 10 white passenger cars	
		westbound	0945	1 train, 30 red box cars	
		eastbound	1215	1 train, 32 loaded flat and red gondola cars	
		westbound	1300	1 train, 44 red tank cars	
		eastbound	1515	1 train, 40 red box cars	
		westbound	1530	1 train, 50 white box cars	
	Road	Dushak to Serakhs	0815	truck	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	0815	jeep	

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Date	Traffic	Direction	Time	Rail: Road:	No. of Cars Type Vehicle
15/12/51	Road	Dushak to Post-i- Shurjeh	0830	jeep	
		Dushak to Kaakhka	0920	truck	
		Dushak to Kaakhka	0945	truck	
		Serakhs to Dushak	1030	truck	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	1115	truck	
		North to Post-i- Shurjeh	1130	jeep	
		Serakhs to Dushak	1330	truck	
		Dushak to Kaakhka	1330	truck	
		North to Dushak	1400	truck	
		Dushak to Bulan	1510	truck	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	1515	truck	
	Military activity	Three groups of soldiers, each group consisting of about 60 men, were observed engaged in military training south of Dushak. The training period lasted until noon.			
16/12/51	Rail	eastbound	0730	1 train, 20 red box cars	
		westbound	0800	1 train, 42 loaded flat and box cars	
		Dushak to Kaakhka	0900	1 coal-burning locomotive, 1 car	
		eastbound	1100	1 train, 46 red tank cars	
		westbound	1100	1 train, 16 green passenger cars	
		eastbound	1330	1 train, 2 locomotives, 38 red tank cars	
		eastbound	1545	1 train, 13 green passenger cars	
	Road	Dushak to Serakhs	0700	truck	
		Dushak to Kaakhka	0830	truck	
		Dushak to Kaakhka	0845	auto	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	0930	truck	
		Serakhs to Dushak	1100	jeep	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	1100	truck	
		Dushak to Post-i- Khojeh	1115	truck	
		North to Dushak	1300	2 trucks	
		Serakhs to Dushak	1430	truck	
		Dushak to Kaakhka	1500	truck	
		Dushak to Serakhs	1530	covered truck	
	Military activity	At 0830 hours, two groups of soldiers, numbering more than 200 men, marched northwards out of Dushak. Another group of mounted soldiers, which numbered about 60, was observed at the edge of Dushak. At 1100 hours, three groups of soldiers departed from Dushak and proceeded to a point about 3 kilometers out of town, where the soldiers engaged in artillery and machine gun firing practice.			

3. The following is a tabulation of daily traffic for the period of time covered by this report and includes daily averages of the preceding months.

1951	Rail		Vehicular			
	East Trains	West Cars	East Trains	West Cars	North	South
10 Dec.	4	82	4	120	5	3
		+ 1 locomotive				

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1951	Rail		West		East	Vehicular		
	East Trains	Cars	Trains	Cars		West	North	South
11 Dec.	5	216	4	118	3	4	2	4
12 Dec.	5	201	3	101	4	5	3	3
13 Dec.	6	182	4	90	5	4	1	1
14 Dec.	3	121	4	127 +1 locomotive	4	4	2	3
15 Dec.	4	112	4	126	4	5	1	3
16 Dec.	4	117	3	59	4	5	1	2
(daily average)								
December	4	117	4	106	4	4	2	3
November	4	124	5	119	6	6	3	4
October	5	172	5	155	6	5	5	4
September	6	186	6	195	6	5	4	4
August	7	251	6	221	6	6	4	4
July	7	267	7	249	6	7	3	3

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